## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Indiana Superintendents and Principals

**FROM:** Sarah Fronczek, Indiana Teacher of the Year Coordinator

**DATE:** February 19, 2010

**SUBJECT:** 2011 Indiana Teacher of the Year Program

The Indiana Department of Education is committed to continuous improvement of K-12 teacher quality. The Indiana Teacher of the Year program distinguishes outstanding classroom teachers through the selection process that begins in individual schools and culminates in the announcement and celebration of state level award recipients.

The Indiana Teacher of the Year program is pleased to announce our new sponsors!

- The Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) was established in 2001 at the University of Indianapolis and serves as a leading convener, catalyst and collaborator for dynamic, innovative education change to dramatically impact student achievement throughout Indiana. Their support of the Indiana Teacher of the Year program is evidence of their commitment to high quality in the teaching profession as essential to the success of Indiana schools and students.
- **CSO Architects** has been committed to K-I2 education in Indiana since their inception in I961. This is evidenced by the numerous schools for which they have designed the original structures, additions, or renovations.

The application for the 2011 Indiana Teacher of the Year will be posted next week at <a href="http://www.doe.in.gov/toy/">http://www.doe.in.gov/toy/</a>. Many districts annually select a candidate, but we hope this year many more will decide to participate in the Teacher of the Year program as an opportunity to recognize excellent teachers. Please read the attached information and earnestly consider how this program can celebrate not only one selected teacher in your district, but also many others who deserve to be honored for their skill and commitment to education.

For questions please contact:

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